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Expressing the support of the Alaska State Legislature for naming the mountain between Cedar Ridge and Hope Peak south of Anchorage after Gail Phillips.

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## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

**WHEREAS** Gail Phillips was born in Juneau, spent her early years in a mining camp at Council, graduated from Nome High School, and went on to receive a bachelor's degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks; and

**WHEREAS**, following her education, Gail Phillips worked for over a decade in state aviation, taught high school business courses in Nome, owned and operated a store in Homer and a family placer mine on the Seward Peninsula, became secretary of the board of the newly formed Iditarod Trail Committee, and served the Iditarod as an unpaid race coordinator for years; and

**WHEREAS** Gail Phillips served as the head of the Homer Chamber of Commerce, on the Homer City Council, on the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly, and as legislative committee chair of the Alaska Municipal League before being elected to the Alaska House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Alaska House of Representatives, Gail Phillips was instrumental

in forming a bipartisan coalition, was selected in her second term of office as House Majority Leader, and was then elected as Speaker of the House for two consecutive terms; and

**WHEREAS**, following her retirement from the Alaska House of Representatives, Gail Phillips served for several years as executive director of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, engaged in countless forms of public service, spent her free time mentoring potential office seekers and working for responsible natural resource development, and at the time of her death was serving on the boards of the Iditarod Trail Race Foundation and the Alaska Aviation Museum; and

**WHEREAS** the mountain between Cedar Ridge and Hope Peak south of Anchorage is without a name; is located north of the community of Hope, an area rich in Alaska history and natural resources, which were two of Gail Phillips's lifelong passions; is in the Kenai Peninsula Borough, an area Gail Phillips served for many years; and its stately silhouette is clearly visible from Gail Phillips's family home;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes that Gail Phillips made significant contributions to the state and that her life of public service merits naming the mountain between Cedar Ridge and Hope Peak south of Anchorage as Gail Phillips Peak.

**COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Alaska Historical Commission; the Domestic Names Committee, United States Board on Geographic Names; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the U.S. Representative for Alaska, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.